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UNUTILISED TELEPHONE EQUIPMENTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether telephone equipments worth Rs. 100 crores are lying unutilised in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some directions have also been issued to stop purchasing equipments;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether in some cases equipments were purchased even when there was no requirement; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government to prevent such negligence both in BSNL and MTNL?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): Generally, the stores are procured annually and utilized progressively throughout the year. The details of unutilized equipment in BSNL (Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited) are given in the Annexure.

(c) & (d): Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited has issued the instructions in November 2001 to stop the procurement of HDSL(High Bit Rate Digital Subscribers Line) equipment.

(e) Equipments are purchased on the forecast of the requirement and justification.

(f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.

ANNEXURE

Details of Telephone Equipment lying unutilized in BSNL as per Audit Report

I) 2mm GI (Galvanised Iron)wire 171 MT worth Rs. 44.5 lacs in Chennai Telephones.

II) Batteries, 35 sets worth Rs. 46.27 lacs at stores depot Mohali, Punjab Circle.

III) 100 A, Power Plant, 308 sets worth Rs. 6.68 crore at Gujrat, Karnataka, Punjab and North East Circle (Reported to be faulty)

IV) BSNL procured 2646 HDSL system out of which 630 number of HDSL approximately costing Rs. 6.25 crore have not been utilized due to technical problem in the equipment.

V) PVC Pipes worth Rs. 1.89 crore for making duct of PLJF cable for 2000-01 and 2001-02 could not be utilized due to new policy of minimizing cable length by planning RSUs/RLUs.

VI) Transmission equipment worth Rs. 35 crore (Approximately) is available in the field and the same is expected to be commissioned during the current financial year.

VII) MARR equipment worth Rs. 26.69 crore lying faulty.

VIII) 608 batteries Solar Photo Voltaic (SPV) worth Rs. 2.05 crore are lying in Bihar Circle and planned to be used for maintenance purpose.

IX) 39 PMP (Point to Multi Point) systems worth Rs. 13 crore approximately are under insallation.